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Coastal Defenses Around Sarafovo Village

1. During the summer of 1952, while walking from the railroad station near Sarafovo village (N 42-34, E 27-35), Burgas Okoliya, [] saw one gun covered with netting, located about one kilometer southeast of the village in the vineyards near the seashore. The gun faced the sea. [] it was covered with netting [] 25X1
2. Approximately 40 meters from the gun, near the road, there was a bunker with an exterior diameter at the top of about 7-8 meters and a height of 1.5 meters above ground. The top was of reinforced concrete and had embrasures facing Sarafovo village and the sea and perhaps also toward Burgas.
3. Approximately one kilometer northwest of Sarafovo village and about 100 meters from the seashore [] a 1-story construction painted black and yellow, in which there is a radio station. [] 25X1
4. Not far from the radio station [] three metal antennas about 20 meters high. Between the three antennas [] three lines of wire running from post to post and metal orbs about 30 centimeters in diameter with metal bands 2-3 centimeters in diameter around the orbs. [] there are about 6 orbs, set on the wires, three between every [] 25X1

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two posts (sic), set at a height of 15-20 meters above ground.

5. Approximately 200 meters northeast of Sarafovo village, [redacted] 25X1
 another gun, pointed toward the sea. [redacted]

About 300 meters from this gun, in the vicinity of a hill, there was a square bunker jutting out 1.5 meters above ground, with a concrete semispherical roof.

Coastal Defenses Around Pomorie

6. In the summer of 1952, [redacted] visited Pomorie (N 42-33, E 27-39) and 25X1
 observed around the town a system of wire entanglements and trenches between the town and the sea. The entanglements consisted of two parallel wire fences about 1.20-1.40 meters high, with four rows of barbed wire about 30-40 centimeters apart. The wire was fastened on iron and wooden posts driven into the ground, at intervals of five to 10 meters according to the terrain. Every 10 meters, and at times even more frequently, depending upon the terrain [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] excavated trenches the sides of which had been recently reinforced with brick.

7. [redacted] similar wire entanglements and trenches in the easternmost 25X1
 part of the town, by the sea [redacted] that the whole town has been enclosed by them. Movement through the trenches and near the wire entanglements is forbidden and the area is guarded by soldiers.

8. [redacted] in Pomorie [redacted] in the spring of 1953 [redacted] noted the same 25X1
 trenches. [redacted] did not see large numbers of soldiers in the town at this time.

9. [redacted]

Coastal Defenses and Fortifications Near Nesebŭr

10. [redacted] visited Nesebur (N 42-40, E 27-45) during the fall of 1952, [redacted] 25X1
 this has been declared a "military zone" since the spring of 1953.

11. In the easternmost part of the town [redacted] two very high observation 25X1
 towers constructed about 1-1.5 kilometers apart. They were identical, about 50 meters high, built of thick beams, and had small steps for climbing. Near the top of the towers there is a wooden platform on which soldiers with binoculars stand during the whole day.

12. Between the two observation towers [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] brick bunkers with embrasures. These were pointed toward the sea and were about 2 meters long. The bunkers were on level land, and the entrance was by a small dirt path. About one meter above the entrance to the bunker, the path was covered with a layer of earth about 1.5 meters wide and about 30 centimeters thick. Beyond this point the path again starts to climb and goes to the top of the defended side of the bunker. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The inside walls along this path, as well as those of 25X1
 the bunker, were constructed of bricks. [redacted] two metal ropes with a diameter of 2-5 centimeters lowered to the sea from the two ends or from the embrasures of the bunkers (not able to determine). The ropes were pulled above the ground and probably fall into the sea about 10 meters from the shore line.

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